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MEMORANDUM FOR:
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
FROM: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
SUBJECT: EPILOGUE TO WESTMINSTER SPEECH

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1. I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP ON THE WESTMINSTER SPEECH. IT WORKED VERY WELL AND WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED. YOU WILL SEE THAT I TOSSED IN A FEW PARAGRAPHS AT THE END OF PAGE 3 WHICH RELATE TO THE CURRENT INTEREST IN LEBANON AND GRENADA. ALSO, TOWARDS THE END, I NOTE A REFERENCE TO SIR JOHN PLUM'S LECTURE AT WESTMINSTER IN THE KEMPER LECTURE SERIES WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE CHURCHILL MEMORIAL.
2. IN THE FIRST OF THOSE LECTURES, BY CHURCHILL'S BIOGRAPHER, MARTIN GILBERT, THEY LEARNED ABOUT A LETTER WHICH CHURCHILL WROTE ONLY TWO DAYS AFTER SPEAKING AT WESTMINSTER. I UNDERLINED THE HIGH POINTS OF THAT LETTER ON PAGES 16 AND 17 OF THE GILBERT SPEECH (ATTACHED). IN DISCUSSING THIS WITH PRESIDENT SAUNDERS AT WESTMINSTER AND CLARE LUCE, RELATED EVENTS CAME INTO FOCUS AND WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO DEVELOP A LITTLE EPILOGUE FOR THE PRINTED COPY. YOU WILL SEE THAT THE DISPATCH OF THE MISSOURI TO TURKEY IS SOMETHING OF A PRECURSOR TO PRESIDENT REAGAN'S USE OF THE FLEET OVER THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS. MRS. LUCE'S RECOLLECTION IS THAT THIS WAS OCCASIONED BY THE RUSSIANS' INITIAL REFUSAL TO LEAVE IRAN, WHICH IT HAD GONE INTO ALONG WITH THE BRITISH TO CARRY OUT SUPPLY OPERATIONS AND PERHAPS TO PROTECT AGAINST INTRUSION BY AXIS FORCES.
3. SO, I NEED TO GET THE BASIC FACTS ABOUT RUSSIA'S PRESENCE IN IRAN AT THE END OF THE WAR, THE TIME OF THE BRITISH DEPARTURE, THE RUSSIANS INITIAL REFUSAL TO LEAVE AND WHEN AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES THEY FINALLY DID LEAVE. I WOULD WANT TO RELATE THIS TO THE ACTUAL APPEARANCE OF THE MISSOURI IN THE AREA AND THE DURATION OF ITS STAY. CHURCHILL'S LETTER SAID IT WAS "TO STAY FOR AN UNSPECIFIED PERIOD." THEN, ON THE OTHER SIDE, I WOULD WANT TO RELATE THIS REACTION AND ANY SUBSEQUENT REACTIONS TO RECEIVING SUBSEQUENT THREATENING MOVES WHICH THE SOVIETS MAY HAVE MADE TOWARDS GREECE AND TURKEY AND ULTIMATELY TO THE PROMULGATION OF THE TRUMAN DOCUMENT. AS PART OF THIS, THE QUOTATION ABOUT THE TRUMAN DOCUMENT IN PRESIDENT REAGAN'S SPEECH TO THE JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS LAST SPRING SHOULD BE WORKED IN.
4. TRY TO GET THIS BASIC INFORMATION QUICKLY SO I CAN DECIDE WHETHER I WANT TO USE IT AND GET IT WRITTEN SATISFACTORILY THIS EVENING IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

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